

The Pilgrim Priesthood (1 Peter 2:1-10)

Proposition: Every one of God's Pilgrim travelers can understand their roles as Priests unto God by grasping the three priesthood truths found in our text.

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Teddy Roosevelt was to say the least was a colorful President. Like all colorful famous people upon their death, stories about them began to develop at legendary proportions. One such was concerning his death. Teddy Roosevelt died and went to heaven and it wasn't long before Teddy took up Saint Peter and registered a complaint concerning the Choir. The Choir was weak. Peter knowing of Teddy's skill as a leader put him in charge of the Choir rehearsal. Teddy told St. Peter, "I'll need 10,000

Supranos, 10,000 altars, and 10,000 thrones and I'll need them by this evening. St. Peter said what about the base? Teddy said "I'll sing base." Many people treat the doctrine of the priesthood of believers just that same way. "I'm the only one that really I can do say or believe anything I want to. But that is not found in the scriptures. The Priesthood of the Pilgrim is privilege not a licence.

It is a responsibility not a luxury to be
I. The Essential Prerequisites of the Pilgrim Priesthood - Just as the priest could not wear his neck about clothes when presenting himself to God at the altar.

Sanctuary, but was specific garments which

A. The Pre requisite of Putting Off (1)
Certain attitudes of the heart must be put off like a garment. These are attitudes that affect the heart most of all. Malice = wickedness in general but the context is the hidden heart wickedness. Oh I can't stand her or him. Guile = deceit, lying. We should be a people known for our honesty. Hypocrites = acting under a part. The play actor in Greek theater w/ mask Envyings, jealousy, that's not right that they have this or that. Evil speaking = backbiting defamatory

B. The Pre requisite of Putting On
Put on a love for the word of God as it is seen here a baby for the milk of its mother. Ever notice that babies don't have to be taught to suck the milk out of the bottle. They just know. Well the newborn child of God, has an innate desire for the word of God. I hate to say it but the NIV got it right here. Even a dead clock is right twice a day. Our ~~word~~ here desire is rendered "crave" in the NIV. We need to put on a craving

II. The Explained Possibility of the Pilgrim Priesthood. Being a priest in Israel was not something that just every child aspires to. You had to be born

1) ...to be viewed with respect and reverence as our duty to God and to man. Every one of God's Pilgrim travelers can understand their roles as Priests unto God by grasping the three priesthood truths found in our text.

2) ...garments which must be worn, so too the Pilgrim Priest must take off certain spiritual garments and put on some.

3) ...backbiting, defamation. Complaining and murmuring. All these garments must be put off for the proper function of our priesthood role. And all can be so well concealed from the outside world.

4)a craving for the word of God. (Vs. 3) If there is none, then we have not tasted the good grace of God.

1) ...stock to receive such a position. Not so in the priesthood of God. All are dubbed priests upon their entry into the family! But notice the explanation of this possibility.

2) ...Jerusalem leadership when he said: **Acts 4:10-12** *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Our only possibility into such a weighty priesthood position is by Jesus. Who as our High Priest went in and laid his ever sufficient blood on the mercy seat for us so that we may ...come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

of the right family and of a particular stock ①
A. The Possibility by the Stone - The possibility of our Priesthood is by a stone. Not just any stone but a living stone. A living stone rejected by men but accepted of God. A stone that is precious to God, A stone that is the chief corner stone. A stone that the builders rejected but now is head of the corner. Precious not only to God but to men. There is no other such stone than Jesus Christ. In acts 4:11-12 Peter laid down this truth before the Jerusalem ^{Sanhedrin} ②

B. The Impossibility of the Stumblers
This position is open to the believer but is closed to the unbelieving. The believing will not be confounded or shamed or disgraced standing before the throne but the unbelieving, that ever looked Christ and rejected him will one day find Christ the head of the corner, he will be their judge and find themselves in the crosshairs of his wrath. Do you reject him now? He will reject you then!

Many will perish because they ^{do not} ~~reject~~ ^{believe} ~~in him~~

III. The Express Purpose of the Pilgrim Priesthood - The role of a priest was not for a social role or a lay or emblem worn on the lapels. But it

was not a specific set of crimes.

A. Present Spiritual Sacrifices to God
(5) He is a living stone that makes us lively stones. Lively stones that fill the role of Priests and offer up Spiritual Sacrifices. Not a bloody animal but spiritual sacrifices Ps 50:14

141:2 ¹ Rom 12:1, Php 2:17, Heb 13:15-16
As the Priest of Old, the N.T. Priest's work is never done. Actively offering up our praise & thanks giving, going to God on behalf of men. Offering our service to God. ² Till under the direction of our

B. Present Salvation Story to People
Not only does a priest go before God on the behalf of people, but the priest goes unto the people on the behalf of God. We have been given this role not just to admire each other but to go unto a people w/o God to display the praises of Him that places us in such a position. We were not born privileged to this priesthood, but by the mercy of God brought into it by Jesus ³ Christ. This priesthood is a

12. Close - Martin Luther in his training to become a catholic priest faltered at the task, because of his awe and terror of such a great God. ⁴ That is what makes the individual

1) Thanksgiving - Psalms 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: Prayer - Psalms 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Bodies - Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Faith - Philippians 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. Praise - Hebrews 13:15-16 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

2) ...of our Great High Priest the Lord Jesus.

3) ...priesthood is a display of the old old salvation story!

4) ...makes the individual priesthood of the believer so wonderfully remarkable. Such insignificant and sinful creatures such as we have obtained mercy and are now invited to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.